

SCAQMD-CARB-EPA Call on 2006 PM2.5 Data

Thursday June 13, 3-4 pm

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 - a. SCAQMD – INI form
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Questions from SCAQMD:

The 24-hour PM2.5 attainment date is 12/31/2019, so the 2017-2019 design value will be used to determine our attainment status. Initial analysis by South Coast AQMD staff indicates that it is possible to attain the standard assuming that we can successfully demonstrate several wildfire- and fireworks-related exceptional events and that data collected at the end of 2019 is relatively-clean.

- As we understand, EPA prioritizes review of exceptional events based on regulatory significance, however, we will not know if the exceptional events occurring in 2017-2019 have regulatory significance until we process all of the FRM filter measurements for 2019 (expected late in the first quarter of 2020). Will EPA begin review of our submitted events before regulatory significance is officially determined?
- We are diligently working on the exceptional events that have occurred in 2017 and 2018 and plan to have them ready before the end of the year. However, we will need time to prepare demonstrations for any exceptional events that occur towards the end of 2019. When do we have to submit these documents in order to be considered for classification? Is there a mechanism where we can submit a draft before the 30-day public review process begins so that EPA can start the review process?
- Can EPA lay out the timeline for this process? It appears that the timing will be really tight considering we will not have final data for the fourth quarter of 2019 until February 2020 at the earliest. Is there any flexibility in the timeline?
- We experience firework-related PM2.5 exceedances every year due to 4th of July fireworks. Is it reasonable to combine all events from 4th of July fireworks across multiple years into a single demonstration, or should we break out each year into an individual demonstration.